

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Claims 1 – 29 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 11, 16 and 20 being independent. Claims 1, 11, 20, 21, 23 and 24 are currently amended; claims 2, 12 and 22 and canceled; and claims 27 – 29 are added. No new matter is added.

Applicants have carefully considered the contents of the Office Action and respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the subject application in view of the explanations noted below.

New Claims

New independent claim 27 recites, *inter alia*, a tongue located between slots in a housing wall, the tongue having a free distal end, and the slots and tongue slidably receiving a loop of a suspension cable.

U.S. Patent No. 2,678,380 to Westby (the Westby '380 patent) does not disclose or suggest a tongue located between two slots in a housing wall, and the tongue and slots slidably receiving a loop of a suspension cable. Furthermore, it would not be obvious to modify the Westby '380 patent to have a tongue located between two slots in a housing wall in which the tongue and slots slidably receive a loop of a suspension cable because to do so would require substantial redesign of the lighting fixture of the Westby '380 patent, thereby indicating to do so would not be obvious. Furthermore, slidably receiving a loop of a suspension cable with a tongue and slots in the housing of a lighting fixture as recited in independent claim 27 provides a quick, simple and efficient suspension apparatus, as a loop of a suspension cable is merely slipped into the slots and on the tongue. The Westby '380 patent requires four cables 13 to each be passed through an eyebolt and then forming a knot in each cable, which is a more labor intensive and difficult procedure.

U.S. Patent No. 3,591,798 to Florence is cited for disclosing a parabolic reflector. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0058640 to McAlpin is cited for disclosing end caps and a slot that provides uplighting. U.S. Patent No. 4,613,930 to Ambasz is cited for disclosing a suspension cable inserted between a fixture housing and an end cap to suspend the device. None of these cited references cures the deficiencies noted above with respect to the Westby '380 patent.

Claims 28 and 29, being dependent upon independent claim 27, are also allowable for the above reasons. Moreover, these dependent claims recite additional features further distinguishing them over the cited patents, such as the wall including third and fourth slots with a second tongue located therebetween, the second tongue having a free distal end, and a second suspension cable including a third end with a second loop slidably receivable in the third and fourth slots and on the second tongue of claim 28; and the first and second tongues being integrally formed with the wall of the housing of claim 29. Therefore, dependent claims 28 and 29 are not anticipated or rendered obvious by the cited patents, particularly within the overall claimed combination.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the allowed subject matter of claims 16 – 19.

Applicants also appreciate the indicated allowability of objected to claims 2, 5, 12, 13, 22 and 24, which would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 1 is amended to include the features of dependent claim 2. Therefore, claims 1 and 3 – 10 are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 11 is amended to include the features of dependent claim 12. Therefore, claims 11 and 13 – 15 are in condition for allowance.

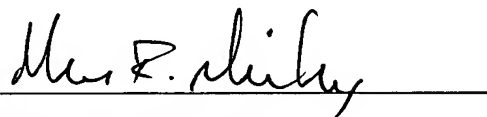
Independent claim 20 is amended to recite the first suspension member is integrally formed with a wall of the housing. Therefore, claims 20, 21 and 23 – 26 are in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and comments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3 – 11, 13 – 21 and 23 - 29 are in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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